

Trial for Palms suspect enters fourth session

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As day three of the State of Missouri v. Alex A. Catterson unfolded, the witness testimonies and the evidence presented became gruesome. Police body camera footage and other disturbing images were presented, evoking tearful and horrified reactions.



ALEX CATTERSON

Alex Catterson, 22, is being tried for a Class B felony, DWI - Death of another Not a Passenger, after his black two-door GMC truck struck the entrance of The Palms, allegedly striking and killing Northwest student Morgan McCoy on Jan. 7, 2018.

Monday, Feb. 11, began the jury selection process. Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice asked questions to the potential jury members while taking notes to ensure the members selected would be able to judge the trial impartially and based solely on the evidence presented in the courtroom. Questions ranged from being broad in nature to dealing specifically with the impacts of drunk driving.

When asked if a drunk driver had ever affected anyone, four potential jurors raised their hands. Catterson kept his gaze fixed on a pen he fiddled with as he clenched his jaw listening to the stories of lost loved ones.

Questions of familiarity with one another, Catterson and the case were also included. When asked if anyone called for jury duty had previously heard any information about the case, 56 of the 77 jurors raised their hand and proceeded to share how they had heard about the incident.

After six and a half hours of questioning, the jury was finally selected.

Tuesday began the hearing of witness testimonies. Sixteen witnesses were called to the stand Feb. 12, all civilians. McCoy's roommate and sorority sister, Riley Buckman was called to the stand Tuesday as the 10th witness of the day.

Buckman entered the courtroom led by Rice and took the witness stand.

Buckman had been with McCoy the night of the crash. Rice asked Buckman to describe her night with McCoy, what happened while at the bar and up until she had left the bar. She described a typical night for her and her friends, hanging out at The Palms and mingling with others at the bar.

Buckman was toward the back of the bar, by the pool table, when she saw the roof crumble at the entrance from the corner of her eye.

"I saw the roof crumble, and I overheard some people say the roof caved in, so we went to go find Morgan to tell her we had to leave because the roof had caved in," Buckman said.

Buckman recalled making her way to the front of the crowd, catching a glimpse of the truck that had crashed into the entrance of the bar and the debris on the ground but did not see McCoy.

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More than 200 people attended the vigil held for Morgan McCoy and Haily Hayes. The trial for Alex Catterson began Monday, Feb. 11, several Sigma Kappa members are expected to testify in the trial.

Sigma Kappa holds vigil for lost sisters

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"Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still."

These words from the poem "Death is Nothing at All" by Henry Scott-Holland rang through the Union Ballroom during the Sigma Kappa Candle Lighting Service Feb. 11.

Roughly 200 students, faculty and community members gathered together to remember Morgan McCoy and Haily Hayes, two Sigma Kappa sisters who had died.

Hayes died Jan. 17, 2016, and McCoy was killed after being hit by an alleged drunk driver at The Palms Jan. 7, 2018. Both were active members of Sigma Kappa.

Faith and Lacey Casel opened up the service.

As tears rolled down cheeks, laughter filled the room and lights slowly illuminated the room one by one, memories of both ladies were shared throughout the night.

Though tragic, the ladies of Sigma Kappa had grown closer together, and junior Allison Buckley discussed the impact of their losses.

"It's really just affected all of us as a whole, and it's brought us closer together," Buckley said. "It's created a special bond between all



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President John Jasinski attends Sigma Kappa's vigil for Morgan McCoy and Haily Hayes. Hayes died Jan. 17, 2016. McCoy died Jan. 7, 2018.

of us, and it's helped us appreciate everyone a lot more. You never know how much time you have left with anyone."

Sigma Kappa President Erin Martin echoed Buckley's words

"It's been hard on our chapter, but it's brought us closer together and made us stronger as well as shown us you can rely on each other and lean on your sisters," Martin said.

Martin discussed their purpose for the service, not only for their so-

rority but the campus.

"We want to recognize two of our members that have passed away and remember their lives and help keep people informed about mental illness and drinking and driving," Martin said. "We are hoping to let people know that starting a conversation and encouraging everyone to reach out to others and keep each other accountable can make a difference."

For McCoy, the trial for Alex Catterson started at the beginning

of the week. Sigma Kappa members are expected to take part in the trial. Senior Maddie Skarda said the events have been hard but have had a profound impact on the sorority.

"Ever since I've met everyone at Sig Kap, I've felt like I was at home," Skarda said. "I've received comfort and joy, and these are my people, the people I've been looking for. I am really proud of my sisters for the strength that they have to overcome these great losses, and the bond that we have is unbreakable."

Surgeries empower transgender students

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Embracing gender identity in college is a challenge for all transgender students, but for those who undergo surgery as part of their transition, that process is even more complicated.

Many transgender people experience gender dysphoria, which is, according to the American Psychiatric Association, a conflict between their assigned or physical gender and the gender they identify with.

Trans people cope with dysphoria in different ways. Some dress in a way that aligns with their gender identity, some change their names and pronouns, some use the bathroom that aligns with their gender or any combination of the above.

Transmasculine people – those on the male end of the gender spectrum – often wear binders to flatten their chests.

Some trans people take medical

interventions as a part of their transition – undergoing hormone replacement therapy or surgery to change their physical characteristics to align with their gender identity.

Senior Tric Courtaway said transitioning and coping with dysphoria looks different for everyone. Some socially transition and medically transition as fully as they can or not at all.

"Folks can absolutely be trans without ever medically transitioning," Courtaway said. "And many trans folks do or don't transition medically for a variety of different reasons."

Courtaway is transgender-non-binary, meaning they don't identify as either a man or a woman and use they/them pronouns. While they don't identify as a man, Courtaway said they feel dysphoria about traits that make them look like a woman.

"In my case, I feel uncomfortable about my chest area," Courtaway said. "I feel sort of detached

from it and also feel the social dysphoria aspect. In my mind, it's a hallmark trait that marks me as looking like a woman."

Courtaway said one of the ways they counter their dysphoria is with clothing – wearing looser, more masculine clothing and often wearing a binder.

"I absolutely feel more confident about my appearance when binding or otherwise dressing to make my chest look less conspicuous," Courtaway said. "However, binders aren't always practical, and their use over long periods of time, even when done 'safely,' can cause gradual rib damage; it's not a safe long-term solution."

Courtaway said socially transitioning (using their preferred name and pronouns) made them feel happier and more confident. They said the anxiety surrounding being perceived as a woman sapped a lot of energy, and considering the dangers

of binding long-term, they considered top surgery.

Top surgery refers to any surgery on the breasts – the augmentation or removal of breast tissue. Courtaway said they plan to undergo top surgery to remove their breast tissue in June.

"The way I see it, not only will top surgery help me feel more comfortable with my body and generally happier in that regard," Courtaway said. "But it removes some of that dysphoria, leaving me just a little bit more energy to deal with other things."

A big factor in choosing to medically transition is cost as insurance does not often cover hormone replacement therapy or gender affirmation surgeries. Courtaway said they have family help with costs, but not all students are so fortunate.

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Blood donations drop after severe winter weather

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Severe winter weather has caused many blood drives to be canceled, leading to a blood unit shortage according to the American Red Cross. Northwest's blood drive hosted by Student Senate and the Community Blood Center was one of the ones affected and forced to cancel due to weather.

Student Senate Civic Service Chair Drake Summers said that Student Senate has hosted three drives per academic year in the past years, but does not plan to make up the blood drive canceled in January.

"While we have had unforeseeable challenges with our winter blood drive, we are confident that we can continue our history of successful drives in April," Summers said.

The next blood drive hosted by Student Senate and the Community Blood Center will be April 17-18. Even though it is held on campus, the drive is open to the public.

Civic Service Committee Chair Arpana Pokhrel said Student Senate uses several ways to promote the blood drive.

"We use social media, flyers, decorations, email and news releases to promote," Pokhrel said.

The need for blood units comes sooner for various blood centers in Missouri.

When walking into the Community Blood Center in St. Joseph, there is a sign stating that there is a blood shortage. Another supplier, the American Red Cross, has issued an emergency shortage on its website.

According to the American Red Cross website, the flu has also contributed to prolonging the blood shortage.

Pamela Holmen, manager at the Community Blood Center in St. Jo-

seph, said shortages are not unusual this time of year, but this one has been worse.

"This year we've been impacted by the weather more than normal," Holmen said.

Despite the reports of a low blood supply, the St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, supplied by the Community Blood Center, has not had problems.

According to the lab director at the hospital, they have not experienced any issues with the blood shortage on their end.

The Community Blood Center web page indicates that they need approximately 500 donors every weekday in order to supply nearly 60 hospitals.

This is to keep up with incidents ranging from car accidents, heart disease and cancer. One bone marrow transplant can take up to 120 platelets and 20 blood units.

Along with that, only 38 percent of the population is eligible to donate, according to the Red Cross web page. Within that group, the percent of people that actually donate is even smaller.

According to Holmen, donating is easy to do. When planning ahead, it is important to eat and drink water before going.

"It's a very simple process," Holmen said. "The actual part with the needle takes less than 20 minutes."

Even if blood drives are closed due to winter weather, the Community Blood Center keeps its sites open across Missouri. They each have a certain goal of blood units to reach that day despite the weather. They try to get 500 donors each weekday to stock their blood supply.

In order to replenish the shortage going on, the Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the First Baptist Church of Maryville.

Maryville reveals 2019 downtown sculptures

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The Maryville Public Arts Committee announced its selections for this year's new downtown sculptures. MPAC selected four new sculptures to be unveiled and on display in May. Among them are Sweet Pops of Brilliance by Craig Snyder, Sallying with Grandpa on the Sea-

shore by Bobbie Carlyle, Sunriser by Bobbie Carlyle and Germination III by Nathan Johansen.

The sculptures come from other towns throughout the country and are chosen by board members in the MPAC.

MPAC President Mark Hendrix, along with other board members, invited downtown business

owners to help in the selection process. They began with a list of more than 100 sculptures and narrowed it down to eight top choices upon which they voted for top four.

Once they compiled the top four, they were able to contact the artists of their picks and lease them for one year at \$1,500 each.

The MPAC holds annual fundraising events throughout the year in order to raise money for the sculptures.

The sculptures that are installed downtown now will be removed soon after Northwest's spring graduation, and the new sculptures will be installed shortly after. The sculptures that will be replaced are Sunday With Jesse by Susan Geissler, Generations by Ben Hammond, Girls Can Do Anything by Julie Denkers and Nucleus II by Jeffrey Satter.

A formal unveiling of the new pieces will be held during the annual Art, Rhythm and Brews festival in May, one of the fundraisers put on by the MPAC with the help of local businesses and numerous community leaders. The festival aims to turn Maryville's courthouse square into a celebration of art specifically the new sculptures and their significance.

Hendrix joined the MPAC in 2016. He denotes art as a fundamental role in any thriving community.

"Art is such an important thing to a community," Hendrix said. "Our goal is to get people to stop and appreciate local art and businesses in the square that normally wouldn't otherwise."

The MPAC strives to provide art education while enriching the lives of the town's citizens and visitors and beautifying the historic downtown square.

"We love when people from out of town see the sculptures and just hang out for a bit," Hendrix said.



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"Sallying with Grandpa on the Seashore" by Bobbie Carlyle.

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Missouri recently became the nation's first state to pass legislation stopping the use of the word meat on food labels for products that do not contain livestock or poultry.

New bill aims to regulate meat alternative labels

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Missouri legislators passed a bill aiming to make it easier for consumers to tell the difference between plant-based meat and real meat.

Senate Bill 627, coming from House Bill 16's approval in April 2018, was supported by Missouri's pork producers, the Missouri Farm Bureau and the Missouri Cattle-men's Association. It passed May 17, 2018, and took effect Jan. 1 of this year.

The bill addressed labeling of products using the word "meat". Specifically, the bill restricts the use of the word "meat" on products made from sources that are not livestock or poultry. This affects both plant-based and clean-meat products.

Clean-meat is animal tissue grown in a lab through the use of cell culturing. Plant-based products include items like tofu patties and other meat substitutes made from plants.

When asked, President of the Collegiate Farm Bureau and Northwest senior Mariah Forck spoke as a representative for the Northwest branch of the Missouri Farm Bureau.

"One big thing the Farm Bureau stands for is (plant product companies) are labeling (their product) meat, and it is not," Forck said. "It is completely false advertising and false labeling, and it is cheating the consumer out."

Vice President of the Collegiate Farm Bureau and Northwest sophomore Ryan Talkington said plant product companies use prac-

tices that can harm the consumer's ability to make an educated choice.

"Some companies are going as far as demanding that the retail store put (their product) next to hamburger patties," Talkington said. "(Plant product companies) are kind of sneaky about the way they are saying 'plant-based.' It could be really easy for a consumer to not know what is going on and think that maybe it is just grass-fed beef."

Forck said consumers are being fed ideas that could cause harm to their ability to choose knowledgeably.

"Consumers are being told to fear science and most agriculture production techniques," Forck said. "But, are expected to believe that a meat-like product grown in a petri dish is supposed to be bet-

ter than the natural, traditional product."

Ultimately, Talkington said the labeling law is beneficial in its movement towards honesty for the sake of consumer knowledge.

"I think we just need to be very honest about what is going on," Talkington said. "Who knows what is going into (clean-meat) unless you are the person who is actually making it, but you can go anywhere in Missouri and find a guy who raises beef cattle and say, 'Hey, what are you feeding it?'"

Junior agricultural science major Jake Meyer said he felt the new law was justified.

"I think it is important to at least have some broad distinctions on (labels)," Meyer said. "I think it is somewhat important for people to know where their food

comes from."

Meyer said he wished for greater emphasis on the packaging when it comes to the difference between meat, plant-based and clean-meat products.

"I know when I am shopping I am like, 'Ooh, sausage!'" Meyer said. "Like that is what I was looking for, and then I will get home sometimes and be like, 'Oh, well, I mean, if you actually look at it, it is 580 calories, actually made out of broccoli.'"

Meyer said he knew there was specific labeling on the packages, but he believed they failed to satisfy.

"I feel like (plant-based) should be more of a highlighted term," Meyer said. "You should be able to really see that part where it is a vegetable."

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OUR VIEW:

Donating blood should be priority

With approximately 38 percent of the U.S. population able to donate blood and even less than 10 percent actually donating, the blood shortage has thankfully not affected Maryville. Even with this stroke of luck, community members and students who can donate blood should still do it.

While Maryville residents’ blood supply comes from the St. Joseph, Missouri, Community Blood Center and we haven’t seen any major effects of the shortage, the need for blood donations is always present.

With the CBC requiring 580 donors every weekday to keep the supply up, any fluctuation could mean the difference between just enough and being short. But with statistics like one out of seven people who visit the hospital require

blood, supplies must be continually replenished. Especially with blood having a limited shelf life.

Technology has advanced significantly, but the need for blood donors will always be there since we cannot manufacture synthetic blood.

We should look to donate blood whenever we can because the requirements to donate blood must be followed every time for the safety of people receiving the blood transfusion and those donating.

These qualifiers for blood donation can oftentimes be the reason people cannot donate.

According to Mayo Clinic, the restrictions range from the donor getting a tattoo within the past 12 months, living or visiting the United Kingdom within the last three months or living in Europe

for five years or more. This also includes men who have had intercourse with another man within the past 12 months.

With conditions like this, many people are eliminated either permanently or at least temporarily, creating a much smaller pool. So donating whenever a blood drive comes around or even at the CBC in St. Joseph can easily contribute to the blood shortage.

The benefits of those who do donate blood go beyond people’s morals and can actually make them healthier. According to the Journal of Blood Medicine, annually donating blood can lower both cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, which helps reduce heart disease.

This also removes oxidants and decreases oxidative stress accord-

ing to the Journal of Basic Clinical Physiology and Pharmacology.

While all blood types are needed, the rarest blood types are type O negative and AB positive plasma.

Type O negative red cells can be given to patients of all blood types which means it is in high demand. But only about 7 percent of people have this blood type, making it in short supply.

Type AB positive plasma is the blood type that can be transfused to patients of all blood types. Like type O negative, only a small percent of people actually have this rare type. They only account for 3 percent.

Being short in supply of blood is nothing new, but that doesn’t mean we can idly sit around waiting for others to donate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Fact-checking is essential for newspapers

To Whom It May Concern—

The Feb. 1 article “Northwest Students Face Rental Issues, Sue Landlord” caught my interest because I am the landlord in question. Reading the piece, I was surprised to find so many inaccuracies—some obviously unintentional, others that seem more deliberate—that the article is less a news story than it is a fiction story.

To correct all the untruths here would take lots of space, involve persons not named in the piece and simply be a public airing of dirty laundry—except that the laundry is clean.

However, we do have an opportunity for reflection. Part of this teaching and learning moment applies specifically to our budding journalists: deadlines should not trump fact-checking. Also, the publication of arguably libelous material might not go unchallenged.

I thank “The Northwest Missourian” for allowing me this small rebuttal space, as it were. Nonetheless, this letter does not absolve the paper of accountability: an of-

ficial retraction of the original story is in order.

Other lessons here could be useful for students seeking off-campus housing.

1. Before signing a lease, one should indeed read it carefully. For example, I sat with the student quoted in the Feb. 1 article and, with her, reviewed the entire lease before signing it.

2. Leasing an apartment or bedroom is not equivalent to leasing an entire house. In a building with rented bedrooms or apartments, the other rooms are considered “common” in that everyone may use them. The property manager or landlord is neither legally nor ethically obligated to give notice before checking these common rooms.

3. In fact, State of Missouri landlord-tenant law does not require a landlord to give any notice even before visiting a property that is specifically rented, such as an apartment or a sleeping room. Therefore, it is important that any lease be clear about the circumstances under which a landlord would enter a rented room. For ex-

ample, the lease I wrote was explicit about the circumstances under which I would ever visit one of the rented rooms—which I never did.

I’m not sure it’s practical or helpful to perform a background check on one’s potential landlord; a background check would have shown that I have passed at least two other background checks in the past year, during the process to become a licensed foster parent in the State of Missouri.

To be completely honest, I must confess that in 2013 I was cited for a non-moving traffic violation, parking my car for too long on the street. I am appropriately remorseful and feel I have paid my debt to society.

Seriously, though, we now arrive at the troubling heart of the situation. Please consider: for me, this situation is but an annoyance. I have copious documentation, history, etc. to demonstrate not only the various specific accusations but the general picture of me emergent from the Feb. 1 article is erroneous.

How, though, would this scenario play out if the target of the

story were someone new to campus or to Maryville? A recently hired faculty member? A student? Someone with neither material nor venue with which to defend her- or himself? The consequences both personally and professionally could be substantial and destructive.

Little more need be said about this specific matter, but let’s not waste the opportunity to reflect generally on the civil responsibilities we owe each other as members of our various shared communities: Northwest, Maryville, student, faculty, and so forth.

Even in our present historical moment, as national political figures attempt to circumvent and discredit the Fourth Estate, the press—even a student newspaper—retains power. As a community of learners and scholars, we—students and faculty alike—retain power. We have the power to think, to speak, and to write.

Let’s use that power responsibly.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Chandler

Life should not be deprived from the unborn



Babies grow up to become a myriad of things. They can grow to be doctors, lawyers, teachers, parents, comedians—the possibilities are endless. That is, if the baby is given that opportunity to grow. Sadly, many children are deprived the opportunity to even experience life outside the womb.

Abortion is an act that deprives a small baby of that most fundamental right to life.

In 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 638,169 abortions in the United States. That is 188 abortions per 1,000 live births, nearly one-fifth of all pregnancies. That is 638,169 possible friends, spouses, coworkers and classmates we never had the chance to meet.

Many rationalize abortion by claiming it is not the act of murdering a baby but simply removing a mass of tissue.

In a 2018 Bazaar article titled “Abortion is not Murder,” reporter Jennifer Wright made a bold claim in response to a proposed pro-life position defending any budding cell of life.

“Some pro-lifers are fond of exclaiming that we should treat fertilized ovum with reverence since ‘A single cell discovered on Mars [would] be considered life!’” Wright said. “Yes. And if that life posed any threat to us, we’d kill it immediately.”

In theory, she is right. If a sign of life on Mars was considered dangerous, few people would feel any shame in destroying it. But, there’s one thing she fails to consider. That hypothetical piece of life they destroyed had no potential of becoming human life. A “fertilized ovum,” however, is the beginning of a human person.

Given the chance, that “mass of tissue” or “fertilized ovum” can grow wiggling toes, a baby bum and a bright baby smile. Given even more time, those little arms, tiny belly and button nose could grow into a full-grown, adult human.

That human, with its gift of life, could potentially cure cancer or eliminate world hunger. Even if they do nothing that grandiose, they deserve the chance to do so. Whoever is reading this got that chance, and whoever is reading this was once nothing but a “fertilized ovum.”

When the sperm and egg meet and a fertilized ovum is formed, human life begins, as explained by Keith L. Moore, professor emeritus of anatomy at the University of Toronto, in “Essentials of Human Embryology.”

“Human development begins after the union of male and female gametes or germ cells during a process known as fertilization (conception),” Moore said. “Fertilization ... begins with the contact of a sperm (spermatozoon) with a secondary oocyte (ovum) ... to form a new cell. This fertilized ovum ... is the beginning, or primordium, of a human being.”

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TRIAL
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Buckman said she repeatedly called and texted McCoy trying to find her, but it wasn't until a stranger told her a girl named Morgan had been hit that she realized McCoy wasn't going to respond.

"That's when I collapsed into the snow and just started crying," Buckman said.

Buckman said it was only seconds later that she saw McCoy taken out on a stretcher, recognizing her purple jacket and blonde hair.

The jury also saw the first pieces of evidence Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Rice presented two flash drives as evidence, one containing the footage from The Pub and one containing the footage from Burny's Sports Bar. The footage showed Catterson had first gone to The Pub and then proceeded to Burny's Sports Bar.

Rice rummaged through a manila folder stuffed with papers and pulls out a receipt of Catterson's tab from The Pub to show to the jury. During this, Catterson sat with his elbows on the defense table, shaking both legs.

The footage from Burny's Sports Bar showed Catterson falling at one point as he tried to descend the stairs from the upper deck. The footage showed Catterson leaving the bar at 12:34 a.m. Jan. 7, 2018. Catterson watched the footage with a furrowed brow and crossed arms from behind his defense attorney.

Rice also presented a selfie McCoy had taken before the crash as evidence, followed by Catterson's bar tab from The Pub.

University Police Officer Jeremy Staples was the first witness of the day, Wednesday, Feb. 13. After being placed under oath and seated at the witness stand, Rice began to ask Staples about his background and education in police work.

The conversation quickly moved to the specifics of what Staples had seen the night of the incident.

Staples arrived at the scene shortly after initially hearing the call over the radio and confirming the location, when he arrived he saw a black truck with significant damage to the front end and someone restraining the driver. Calls for help came from inside of The Palms.

Staples said he saw a young woman trapped under debris, a sig-

nificant amount of blood around her and people trying to help her

"There were three people holding her head, they looked up at me and said, 'please help her,'" Staples said.

He left the scene to get his medical bag, but on the way out, noticed a severed foot on the ground about 10 feet away from where McCoy laid unresponsive. It was severed just above the ankle with some bone jutting out from the top. A high-heeled shoe laid not too far from it.

After grabbing his medical bag, he handed it off to someone else and began helping with the driver, Catterson. Another officer was trying to bring Catterson to a patrol car. Staples said at the time, Catterson was stumbling and at some point, his pants had been pulled down. When they reached the car, Catterson asked if he could pull up his pants as he was embarrassed.

Rice presented Staples with a flash drive containing the footage from his body camera the night of the incident, the judge allowed the flash drive to be admitted as evidence and to be played for the jury.

The chaos was depicted in the video. Officers and first responders running back and forth to get medical equipment and control the crowd, McCoy on ground under debris then on the stretcher, the sound of glass under boots as first responders took McCoy out of the bar and into the ambulance, and the sound of hysterical sobbing as people found out who had been injured.

After the footage had been played, Scroggie asked a few questions about the condition of the roads and the length of the footage.

Once Rice and Scroggie had no further questions, Staples was dismissed. Leaving the courtroom holding back tears, Rice called in his next witness. University Police Officer Sydney Smith.

Smith was asked several of the same questions as Staples, regarding her background and education in police work. But the conversation quickly became serious.

Smith testified that she had arrived at the scene and almost immediately began giving McCoy CPR, some of those who had been in the bar at the time of the crash had already begun chest compressions. Smith took over and tried to console McCoy throughout the CPR.

Rice also asked to admit



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Alex Catterson's totaled pickup sits among wreckage outside The Palms following the crash that killed Northwest sophomore Morgan McCoy on Jan. 7, 2018.

Smith's body camera footage as evidence. Although Scroggie objected on the grounds that Smith couldn't identify the footage without having first watched it, the judge allowed the evidence.

Smith began to rest her elbows on the stand, holding her chin and squirming in her chair. As the video began to play, tears fell from her eyes and her face became red.

The footage depicted Smith crawling through the hole in the entrance and beginning CPR.

"Morgan, stay with me... Morgan, no one is leaving you," Smith said.

Eventually, paramedics arrived and took over, Smith helped clear debris and they paramedics took McCoy out on a stretcher. As the paramedics left the bar, the mournful screams of McCoy's roommate could be heard nearby.

The footage ended and light sobs could be heard throughout the gallery. McCoy's mother made her way to her seat, family members holding her for support.

Catterson, who had been watching the footage with his hands stuffed into his pockets, took his

seat and sat staring for a moment, his face red. He collected himself, took a drink of water, and the trial moved forward.

Later in the day, Rice called Dr. John Symonds to the stand, a physician in the Emergency Room at SSM St. Francis Hospital.

Symonds recalled the call coming in over the scanner that a young female was coming in, unresponsive, no pulse and no heartbeat. Efforts to revive her were not successful and after 30 minutes McCoy was declared dead in the emergency room.

Symonds said what ultimately killed McCoy was cardiac arrest, there was evidence of blunt force trauma. Factors that contributed to her death included: traumatic amputation of the lower left leg, multiple fractures, broken ribs, hemothorax (collection of blood in the space between the chest wall and the lung) and pneumothorax (air leaks into space between your lung and chest wall causing the lung to collapse.)

Scroggie followed up Rice's questions by asking if Symonds had done any tests on McCoy during her time in the ER.

"Our entire emphasis was trying to maintain vital signs for her," Symonds said.

Scroggie stood up and moved closer to the stand, he asked if they had checked McCoy's blood alcohol content level, to which Symonds responded no and Rice objected. With the objection overruled, Scroggie asked if Symonds had known there was indeed alcohol in McCoy's system.

Another objection from Rice quickly overruled, but Scroggie had no more questions and Symonds was dismissed.

Evidence showed Wednesday included dash camera and body camera footage from several police officers, a map created by a GIS analyst containing data from the State Highway Patrol, another photo of Morgan, a photo of the severed foot.

At the time of publication, eight testimonies were heard Wednesday, making a total of 24 when combined with Tuesday's 16 witnesses.

The trial is scheduled to continue at 9 a.m. today in the Division I Courtroom in the Nodaway County Courthouse.

TRANSITIONING
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Sophomore Simon Hamilton started a crowdfunding page to help pay for his top surgery, which he had in January. While insurance did cover some of the costs, he had to pay 20 percent himself.

Hamilton's GoFundMe page raised \$570 to help with the costs, \$400 of which came from members of Helping Everyone Regardless of Orientation in one evening.

"It was a huge help getting the funding from people," Hamilton said. "I do not know exactly how much I owe yet as my bills still haven't come in from each place, but it helped make a big dent in how much I will owe in the end."

The importance of medically transitioning depends on the individual. Courtaway said it was important to them, but not the most important aspect to their trans experience.

"For me, it's a good and important step, but arguably not as important as all the social transitioning I've done—my name, my pronouns, my short blue hair, the way I dress," Courtaway said. "I very intentionally code myself as queer, and that's a big part of me being who I am."

Medical interventions as components of transitioning like hormones and surgeries are often a curiosity for cisgender (non-trans) people. Courtaway said they're comfortable answering people's questions, but only if they go about it in a respectful way.

"You should always keep in mind that any person, no matter how interesting and novel their experience, is, in fact, a human being and not a walking encyclopedia at your disposal," Courtaway said.

Courtaway said there are numerous sources on the internet for people to satisfy their curiosity if they don't have any trans friends who are willing to share their experiences. They also recommended curious students attend HERO's open meetings the first Thursday of every month, which are a safe place to ask questions.

"If you go up to a person you know to be trans and just ask them personal information right off the bat, of course, they have room to be uncomfortable," Courtaway said. "That said, I want people to learn. I feel it's in my best interest to help normalize and bring visibility to transgender experiences."

Police Blotters for
the week of Feb. 14

Maryville Public Safety

Jan. 15

There is an ongoing investigation for harassment at the 1500 block of South Munn Street.

Feb. 5

A summons was issued to **Trace Harvey**, 20, for permitting a peace disturbance at the 200 block of Park Avenue.

A summons was issued to **Sean Watson**, 23, for peace disturbance at the 200 block of Park Avenue.

Feb. 6

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 100 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Konner Sewell**, 19, from Chillicothe, Missouri, for possession of a fake I.D at the 1000 block of South Main Street.

Feb. 7

A summons was issued to **Brooke Dillivan**, 18, for harassment at the 300 block of Volunteer Avenue.

A summons was issued to **Ivy Blozovich**, 18, for harassment at the 300 block of Volunteer Avenue.

Northwest Missouri
State University
Police Department

Feb. 8

There was a closed investiga-

tion for harassment at the 500 block of west Second Street.

Feb. 8

A summons was issued to **Jake Sayer**, 21, for possession of marijuana and speeding at the 500 block of West Second Street.

Feb. 9

A summons was issued to **Sayak Chandra**, 21, for possession of marijuana at the 400 block of West Ninth Street.

Feb. 12

A summons was issued to **Jerimey Thompson**, 40, for driving while intoxicated at the 100 block of North Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Andrew Baldwin**, 40, for littering at the 800 block of East First Street.

A summons was issued to **Zachary Davis**, 24, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 1200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

A summons was issued to **John Barnhart**, 19, for possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

A step ladder was recovered at South Main Street.

tion for four liquor law violations at South Complex.

Feb. 10

A summons was issued to **Sydney Brogdon**, 18, for domestic violence at Dieterich Hall.

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Black History Month Spotlight

Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the first African American woman to become a physician in the United States. Dr. Crumpler studied at the New England Female Medical College in Boston and was awarded a degree in medicine in 1864. The school accepted its first class of 12 women in 1850, making it a pioneer in furthering the medical careers of females. Dr. Crumpler would be the school's only African American graduate, as the college closed its doors in 1873. To put Dr. Crumpler's accomplishment into perspective, by 1860, statistics indicate there were only 300 female physicians in the country. Dr. Crumpler joined Dr. James McCune Smith, who earned his medical degree in 1837 to become the first male African American doctor in the United States.



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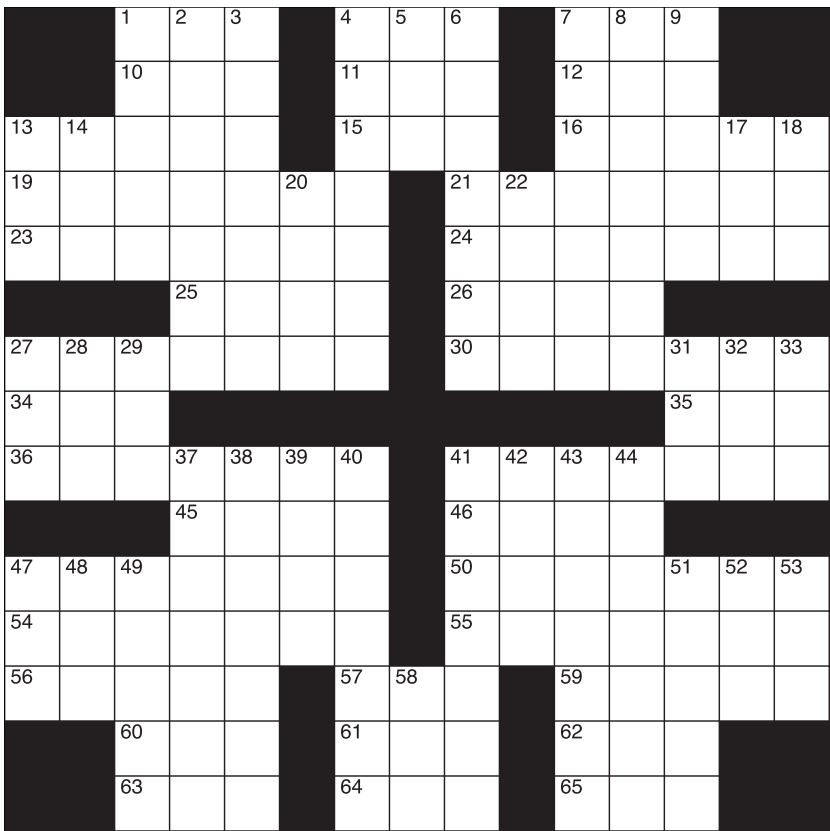
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Chop or cut
- 4. Political action committee
- 7. Male parent
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. Ottoman military commander
- 12. A metal-bearing natural material
- 13. Lively ballroom dance
- 15. Male Gypsy
- 16. Once-popular card game
- 19. Occurred just once
- 21. ___ Streisand, singer
- 23. Shiny yellow minerals
- 24. Get hitched again
- 25. See (Latin)
- 26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf
- 27. Scourges
- 30. Sentence
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Type of dishwasher soap
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Newspapers need them
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Support
- 56. Wool
- 57. Take hold of
- 59. Likely the first Meso-American civilization
- 60. Woman (French)
- 61. Automobile
- 62. Popular Georgia rockers
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. A major division of geological time
- 65. Make an effort

CLUES DOWN

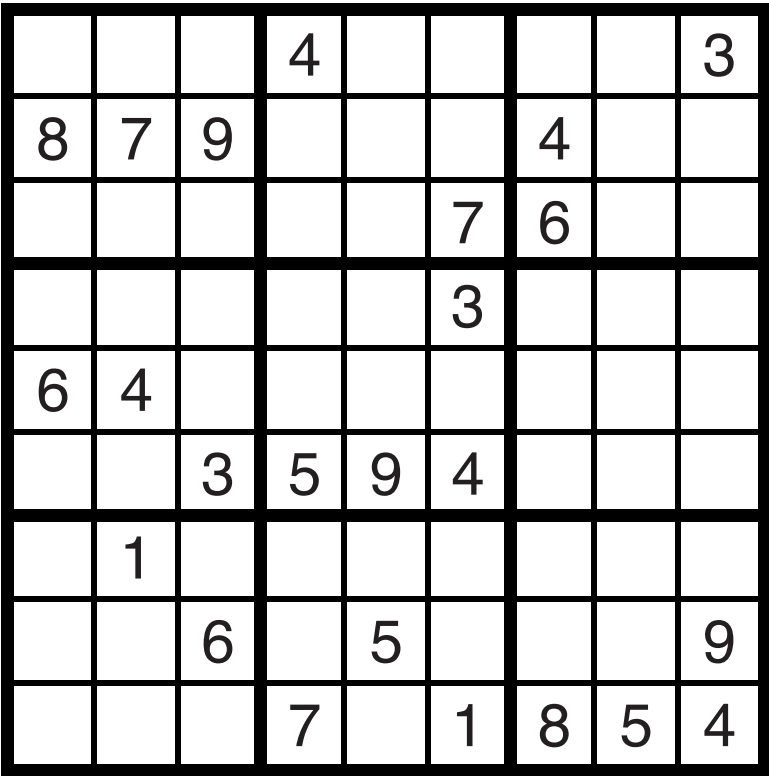
- 1. Czech monetary unit
- 2. Able to arouse feeling
- 3. Elk
- 4. Muscular weaknesses



- 5. Earlier
- 6. Lightweight fabric
- 7. One who greets
- 8. Soldiers sometimes wear one
- 9. Officially prohibit
- 13. US political party
- 14. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 17. Make a mistake
- 18. Biopic starring Jamie Foxx
- 20. Ancient Media inhabitant
- 22. About aviation
- 27. Popular American sports league
- 28. Cologne
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. When you'll get there
- 32. Not pleased
- 33. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 37. Respects
- 38. Shake up
- 39. Ethiopian river
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Principal parts of the brain
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships dock
- 44. One who wassails
- 47. Shock treatment
- 48. Popular average
- 49. Things
- 51. A type of "bear"
- 52. Utilize
- 53. European Economic Community
- 58. Swiss river

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Spend more time daydreaming, Aries. Even though it may seem to run counter to being productive, you may actually find some inspiration to get things done.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You may not take the same path or go in the same direction as the masses, Taurus. But you find the finish line nevertheless. Keep on tracking your own trail.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

A few blips on the radar may give you pause, Gemini. But no obstacle is going to keep you from your final goal this week. You are ready to forge ahead.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

No matter how much time you set aside, Cancer, you seem to keep playing catch up. You may need to realize that a few extra helping hands will make a lighter load of your tasks.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You can't contain your excitement or keep a secret this week, Leo. Avoid seeking secrets because you might let the cat out of the bag and don't want to disappoint.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Do not try to take control of a situation on which you have a tenuous grasp, Virgo. Other things of greater importance require your attention.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Domestic bliss describes your life at this point, Libra. You may have welcomed a new baby or pet into the family, and you are enjoying this new dynamic.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, even though you may have had to jump over many hurdles of late, you will come through stronger for having done so.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

A demand for your attention reaches a fever pitch, Sagittarius. You may not know what is spurring on this sort of popularity, but you are anxious to enjoy every minute of it.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Big changes are on the horizon, Capricorn. It could be a new job opportunity or maybe a relocation if you have been thinking of making a fresh start.

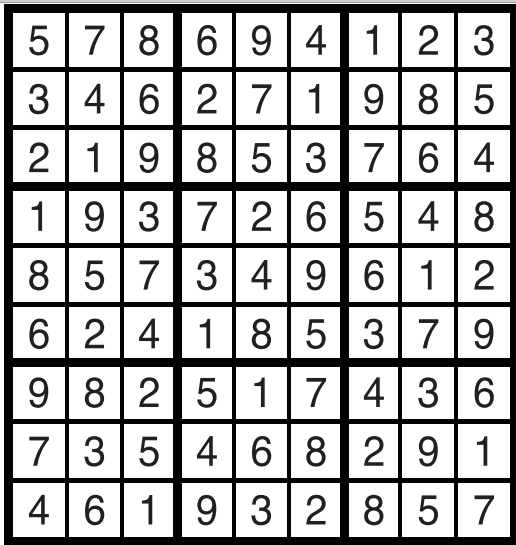
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, even though you may have to go out on a limb and out of your comfort zone, you may find that doing so gives you the fresh perspective you've been seeking.

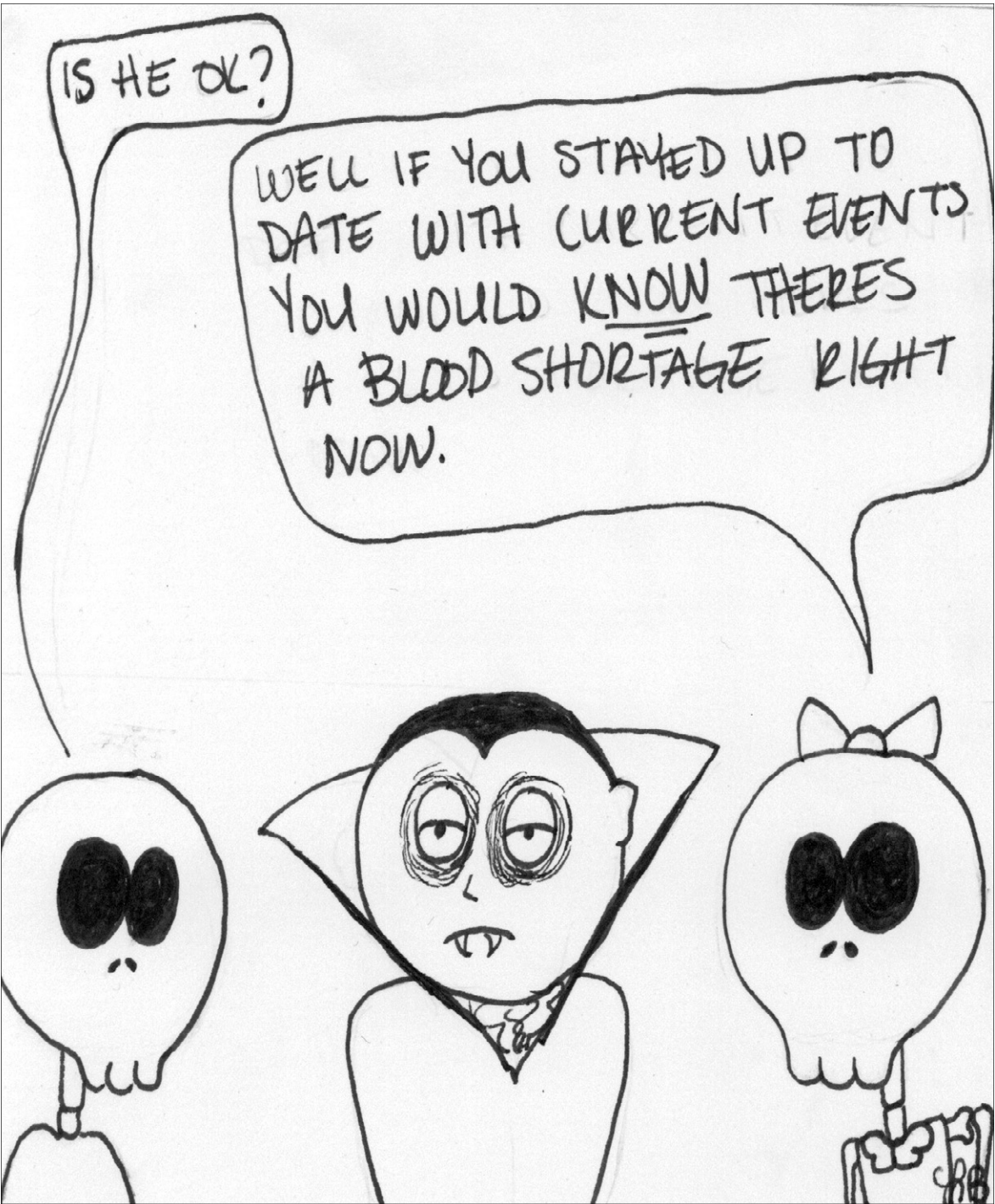
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, ask someone to remind you of an important deadline, as you have been a little scatter-brained as of late. Don't let this pass you by.

Last Week's Solutions



The Skeletwins



LEAH BRUCE | NW MISSOURIAN





Graduate student Lucy Hillard wrote “I think love is being there for someone no matter what.” To her, love is all about support for the other person.

What is love?

Love is not the same for all

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As cut-out hearts, roses and diaper-clad Cupids decorate walls and social media feeds, the ever-present question pops up: what does it mean to love another person?

The concept of love stretches back to the Ancient Greeks as their goddess, Aphrodite, rode around in her dove-driven chariot and blessed the hearts of humans with a strong yearning for each other.

Chemistry junior Brianna Holmes and math education sophomore Bruce Menard are exploring what it means to date in college. The couple have been together for two months on Valentine’s Day.

“It’s less restrictive,” Menard said. “Love is about being there for each other and it’s a lot easier to do that in college.”

For college students, love is more than just providing a sweet-heart with a box of chocolates.

Amanda Campbell, a human services senior, said love is more than just an attraction.

“I think love is beyond just a feeling of affection,” Campbell said. “It’s acting in a way towards another person that shows that you care more about them than about yourself.”

The concept of love is not limited to romance. For biomedical sciences sophomore, Brendan Smith “love” also applies to friendship.

“I, for one, believe love can be the same whether you’re talking about a significant other or a friend or even family,” Smith said. “It all comes from the same place. I really think differentiating those things is the experiences you’ve built. It’s what you’ve done and what you build together.”

To graduate student Lucy Hill-

ard, love is about support.

“Love is caring for somebody and having their back no matter what,” Hillard said.

How one shows love is different for each person. “Love languages” are how some people express love the best. Gary Chapman, couples and family counselor, describes five distinct love languages.

“After many years of counseling couples in crisis and taking notes during each session, I sat down one day and began thinking about what it takes for a person to feel loved,” Chapman said. “It became apparent to me that what makes one person feel loved isn’t always the same for their spouse or partner. I discovered every person understands and receives love in a specific language, one of five to be precise.”

The first is words of affirmation. Words of affirmation are verbal signs of affection such as saying “I love you,” or “you’re doing great.” Those whose primary love language is words of affirmation are also susceptible to insults.

“When you use negative or critical words with this person, your words are like a dagger in their heart,” Chapman said. “Your critical words hurt them more deeply.”

It is also the most common love language. In a survey of 10,000 people, roughly 23 percent said words of affirmation is their love language.

Next is acts of service. Acts of service are unprompted gestures like cooking dinner or making the bed in the morning.

“For these people, actions speak louder than words,” Chapman said.

Receiving gifts is another love language. This love language re-

volves around giving a partner a small trinket or other gifts aside from holidays like Christmas, birthdays or Valentine’s Day. In the survey, this was the least common love language.

Another is quality time.

“This language is all about giving the other person your undivided attention,” Chapman said.

It is often expressed in the forms of dates.

“I like to hang out with my girlfriend,” Smith said. “Sometimes I’ll take her out for a treat, like to dinner or on a date.”

The final love language is physical touch like holding hands and general public displays of affection.

“I’m definitely a touch person,” Holmes said.

For those whose love language is physical touch, they may be “skin hungry.”

Kory Floyd is a researcher at the University of Arizona whose research focuses on communication of affection.

“Just as lack of food, water, and rest have their detrimental effects, so too does the lack of affection,” Floyd said in Psychology Today. “People with high levels of skin hunger are disadvantaged in multiple ways, compared to those with moderate or low levels... people who feel more affection-deprived: are less happy; more lonely; more likely to experience depression and stress.”

As some students compare stuffed animals with puns on their packaging and give long-stemmed roses, what others might need is physical touch to better their health.

Valentine’s Day is not everyone’s favorite holiday but the question of what love means expands to more than just a day in February.



Senior Amanda Campbell wrote “I think love is an action.”

Up ‘Til Dawn stays up for children

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Northwest students were able to give back in a night filled with games and no sleep as they attempted to stay Up ‘Til Dawn in an effort to raise awareness and money for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Feb. 9.

In 2007, 10,400 children under the age of 15 were diagnosed with cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute.

For more than five years, Northwest has been a part of this movement to support research and healthcare for cancer patients. Up ‘Til Dawn is a student-run organization where over 200 colleges and universities, nationwide, participate in campaigning and fund-raising for St. Jude.

Established in 1998, the name was derived from the celebration event teams across the nation partake in each year as they sacrifice a night’s sleep to honor patients and family members who experience many sleepless nights.

Carina Harding, a public relations senior, was the executive director of the event and said she believes that this type of event is important for all students at Northwest. “We need to stand behind



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Students at the St. Jude Up ‘til Dawn challenge get excited for the next activity of the evening. Students take part in the night to honor the patients and families of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital who often have sleepless nights.

something so great as Northwest students, and I think events like this do exactly that,” Harding said. “It is great to stand behind something so amazing like St. Jude and bring all of campus together from a variety of organizations that are Greek and non-Greek, and it brings all of us together to help some amazing kids.”

Harding has been involved with this organization since her freshman year, and it was exciting for her to reflect on her journey.

“When I came to Northwest, I did not know a whole lot about St. Jude, and as a freshman, I helped fundraise but was not able to make it to the event,” Harding said. “Sophomore year, I raised enough to attend, and last year, I got to host this event. So, it has been a continuous journey of wanting to help St. Jude.”

Biomedical science junior Miranda Ruth was the events and logistics assistant for the event.

“The big planning really start-

ed over Christmas break, and I took advantage of my time at home and used it to start planning for this event,” Ruth said. “When we got back for this semester, we really hounded out the details. But in the past three weeks, I have spent about two to three hours a day working on this event.”

Connor Thompson, a political science freshman, was on one of the teams from Tau Kappa Epsilon.

“The fundraising portion prior to this event went really well

for me and the rest of my team,” Thompson said. “We were able to share our donation site all over social media, and it was nice to see the involvement of not only our families but also a number of our friends as well.”

The overall fundraising goal for this academic year is \$40,000, this is double the amount they raised last year. Upon publication, they have raised \$34,384 to help fund research and support families all around the country.



JUSANI JACKSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Special guest Richmond Punch performs with the Northwest Symphony Orchestra at the Ron Houston Center on Feb. 12.

Visiting musician celebrates diversity through his music

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Musicians lined the stage engaging in a delicate surgery, crafting a wall of sound, filled with soft lows and intense highs, moving toward and impacting the audience with a myriad of feelings.

A celebration of diversity took place through music.

The Northwest Symphony Orchestra, directed by Robert Pippin, held its “A Musical Celebration of Diversity” performance, featuring violinist extraordinaire Richmond Punch, Feb. 12. at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

The performance encapsulated and sung to the audience in an emotion-evoking way.

Audience member Michele Moon expressed how the show left her feeling.

“It was very beautiful and spiritual. There was a lot of energy as well and excitement and passion and feeling. It was just very moving,” Moon said. “And I loved the fact that the students were able to come in and play [with Mr. Punch] as well. Just marvelous.”

Vernon Akers, a parent of a student in the symphony orchestra, expressed a similar outlook.

“I enjoyed it very much,” Akers said. “It was awesome. The instruments all played together, and it was beautifully, beautifully put together.”

Senior principal trumpet player Kaila Stigler, majoring in dietetics and minoring in music, shared how much work went into preparing for the concert.

“A lot (of work). A lot of make-up rehearsals because of the snow days. We (the wind section) rehearse once a week, but technically we (the whole ensemble) rehearse twice a week,” Stigler said. “He (Dr. Pippin) really likes to break it down and get into the nitty-gritty. And if he feels like we need more rehearsals, then we’ll do more rehearsals. Lots of sectionals. Lots of work.”

Punch, holding a masters from Yale and bachelors from Julliard in music, echoed Stigler’s emphasis on hard work.

“From the whole planning of

this ‘till the concert is a lot of preparation, rehearsals and details. And you have to stick to it no matter what you’re doing, you gotta stick to it,” Punch said. “And that’s how this can be accomplished, ‘cause it didn’t start like this, you know. But it sure as heck finished like this.”

Alongside hard work, both students and Punch felt a unique dynamic while performing together.

“Sometimes I wonder what he thinks of us. I’ve played with the high school I graduated from and there’s a big difference from playing with the high school and playing with the college. So I’m a little intimidated. I really want it to be really good,” Stigler said. “At the same time, listening to him perform is like, ‘wow.’ I’m so inspired to be as good as he is one day.”

Punch also shared how the dynamic felt from his side.

“Just to be in this environment again. The electricity of college students, you know, what they do. They’re practicing, learning that life journey. It’s amazing,” Punch said. “And this school is a great representation of that experience. More people should be here at Northwest Missouri State University.”

Despite coming from different perspectives, both the students and Punch were united behind their desire to share a message with the audience through their music.

“I hope they heard different style pieces and learned to love them ‘cause if you’re not a music major or you’re not really deep into music, you never really hear music like that,” Stigler said. “I hope they just feel a little inspired to maybe look a little deeper into the classics.”

Punch echoed a similar sentiment.

“Always be creative. Be creative to the max. Have fun,” Punch said. “If you can dance like I’m dancing while playing the violin, while sitting at a desk twiddling your fingers, then do so. If the numbers in your accounting dance off of the computer, if your stories dance when you write them and edit them ... whatever you do, just have fun. (That’s) the best thing you can take from this concert.”

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants you to help out with dishes occasionally

When it comes to dishes, it’s a simple equation: water plus soap plus elbow work equals clean dishes. For some unfathomable reason though, this simply hasn’t sunk in to some people’s heads.

It shouldn’t be hard to clean your dirty yogurt spoon.

For many people, they may not want to do the dishes because it takes a lot of time but if everybody just took care of their own dishes as they used them and put them in the dishwasher, they would save the arguments and the impending hurt.

And all for the measly price of time.

Yes, the dishes sometimes take a lot of time but really what were you planning on doing with that extra time?

You certainly look busy over in your chair, watching Steve Harvey on “Family Feud,” even though a test is fast approaching.

I get it though. Nobody wants to spend the time in the kitchen cleaning out dirty pots and pans full of the red pasta sauce that leaves residue everywhere.

It’s not an enjoyable task especially when everything the red water touches leaves a noticeable greasy stain everywhere, even on

your hands.

If people remember that their other roommates also don’t want to do the dishes, then sympathizing with each other out shouldn’t be difficult.

Doing dishes isn’t a hard concept to grasp, even children understand this simple task. So just do your side of the dishes, Steve Harvey would be proud.

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Indoor track prepares for MIAA meet

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Northwest indoor track and field found continued success at home last weekend, faring well at the Bearcat Invite at Hughes Fieldhouse Feb. 8-9.



The Bearcats wrapped up the weekend touting a number of standout performers. Senior Kevin Schultz took home first place in the high jump for Northwest with a 7.025-foot mark. Junior Phil Elliott won the men's heptathlon, while freshman Omar Austin took first in the men's 400-meter race with a provisionally qualifying time of 47.62 seconds, good for a new program record.

The women's team was highlighted by a first-place finish in the 4-x-400 meter with juniors Jordan Hammond, Hiba Mahgoub, Mercedes Isaacson-Cover and freshman Addie Palser combining to record the second-fastest time in program history at 3:49.92.

"We had some good performances as we continue to tune up for the MIAA," coach Brandon Masters said. "The ladies decided to show up this weekend and start doing some things. ... Some great stuff happened over the weekend. We're really just starting to clean up and get ready for the MIAA (meet) here in another two weeks. I'll be glad when that's over; I'm tired of hosting big meets."

In all, the meet marked another successful weekend for the Bearcats in a long line of them. Perhaps the most impressive Northwest athlete from the weekend was Austin, who along with setting the program record in the 400-meter race, anchored the men's 4-x-400 team which placed.

In describing Austin, Masters called him the "fastest freshman in the country" in reference to his 400-meter time.

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Manhattan, Kan.

"The deal with Omar is he's pure passion," Masters said. "I've had to hold him back in so many different practices and make sure we're working on the correct energy system that practice is asking for. The reason he's succeeded to the level he has is one, yeah has talent, but now we're really building all the energy systems necessary to run a fast 400."

Masters has been high on Austin all season. The freshman sprinter has closed out the men's 4-x-400 meter relay all season and helped the team capture a program record at the Pittsburg State Invitational.

In short, his speed is unparalleled. And according to Masters, he's clutch.

"We're just going to continue to see him shine," Masters said. "When the spotlight is brightest, he shines. Man, he is just a big-time, big-game performer, and he'll always, always gives everything for the team. He's an amazing kid."

As a freshman, Austin still has most of his collegiate career on the track ahead of him.

Masters said he's excited about where the 4-x-400 meter relay, led by Austin, could go over the next three years.

"Our 4-x-400 is pretty darn good this year, and I think we'll be one of the top-five in the country if we get that opportunity (this season)," Masters said.

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MADI GLASS | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest indoor track and field took home four first-place finishes at day two of the Bearcat Invite Feb. 9, including one in the men's heptathlon, where Phil Elliott won with 4,346 points.

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Despite their inadequate 5-of-27 showing from beyond the arc, the Bearcats took an 18-point victory over the Blue Tigers, and according to Gyrate Stats, averaged 1.23 points per possession.

"We didn't start out very good, and they took an early lead," Witthus said of the matchup with Lincoln. "Shots weren't falling for us, especially from three. I think it showed a lot of maturity from our team, especially with how young we are, being able to adjust."

Much of Northwest's offense all season has revolved more around unselfishness than it has the ability to shoot. In a way, the Bearcats' starting five is able to shoot so well because each player is focused not on shooting, but finding the best shot.

For McCollum, the aforementioned trait comes with the culture surrounding the program. The energy Northwest's players bring to the team every day has driven it forward, propelling the Bearcats to the longest winning streak in the nation.

"I think they asked (NBA coach) Brad Stevens once, 'How do you get your guys to dive on loose balls?'" McCollum said. "And he said, 'Well, I recruit guys who dive on loose balls.' And that's a big part of it. If you recruit enough of those guys, then the culture will drive others that don't naturally do that to do it. ... It's almost positive peer-pressure if you will."

That culture has delivered Northwest to where it is now, where the team is used to being: sitting atop the MIAA and all of Division II. McCollum has said all season that being ranked in the top-five

nationally incites opposing teams to gameplan differently than normal in preparation for Northwest, doing whatever they can in an attempt to take down a powerhouse.

Now, as the Bearcats continue to inch towards and into the post-season, they're used to taking everyone's best shot. They hope that's something that will help them in the coming weeks despite the unpredictability of tournament play.

"You just control everything that you can control," McCollum said. "But then there are other variables in a tournament setting where it's just like, 'just one of those nights,' you know? And you hope that you don't have one."

Results from Wednesday's matchup with Central Missouri were not available upon publication. Visit nwmissourinews.com for a recap of the game.



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior swingman Joey Witthus leads the Bearcats in points per game (21.4), 3-point field goal percentage (48.1) and free throw percentage (86.9).

COACH CONTINUED FROM A12

To back up his successful coaching career, Houston was on staff for the 29-5 Bearcat women's squad that appeared in the program's first Final Four in school history in 2011. A big priority for him is to bring back the same success to the present.

"This year's team has laid the foundation and framework to whatever future success awaits the women's basketball program," Houston

said. "Right now, we can only be in the present with the 18-19 roster and season, so it's important for us to enjoy their milestones as a team."

The connection between head coach Austin Meyer and Houston originates back to the 2004-06 seasons as they were both parts of the Bearcat starting five. Houston explained that this was very advantageous and is 100 percent behind Meyer when leading the program into the future.

"I feel our relationship as friends and once teammates here at Northwest really helps the work-

ing relationship that we have now," Houston said. "Of course, I technically work for him, but he never makes it feel that way. As the assistant coach, I want to do everything I can to support his vision for the women's basketball future."

Whether it is recruiting or working with specific athletes one-on-one, Meyer feels that the addition of Houston to the staff will help make great strides behind the program during the road ahead.

"He does a great job with our guards, and we are getting better as a team," Meyer said. "He's going

to do a great job with our recruits that we are bringing in, and I am very fortunate that we have him on our staff."

The roots run deep here at Northwest and in Bearcat Arena for Houston, and he felt honored when Meyer asked him to take part in building the next generation of Bearcat basketball achievements. Coaching at one's alma mater and the place that helped make everything happen while beginning a career has always been on Houston's bucket list.

"Northwest has always been a place that I envisioned coming back

to if given the opportunity," Houston said. "The transition to an assistant coach was a great decision because I knew that I would have the chance to develop and learn how to build a program from coach Meyer's experience."

Like so many, Houston has made Northwest his place. His home.

"There is a tremendous amount of pride in being a Bearcat, and I feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to be back here once again," Houston said. "In so many ways, as it is for many alumni, this is home."

NW WBB CONTINUED FROM A12

Northwest prepares to square off with the Jennies twice in the next seven days with the second matchup taking place Feb. 21 in Warrensburg, Missouri. Central Missouri brings many threats to the table with size and shooting ability that has proven to be a tough feat to overcome for the Bearcats dur-

ing the 2018-19 season.

Northwest will welcome Southwest Baptist to Maryville Feb. 16. Although being slotted last in the conference, Southwest Baptist scores the second most points per game in the MIAA and has three starters who average double-digits for the team.

"To win these games, we have to play hard for the full 40 minutes," sophomore guard Mallory

McConkey said. "We kind of play like a roller coaster through games, having really good defensive possessions, and then it goes down. So, just putting it all together will help us get these wins."

Like the Jennies, Northwest will compete against Southwest Baptist multiple times during the two-week period, traveling to Bolivar, Missouri, Feb. 23.

"Central Missouri is the defend-

ing national champions, and we know both games are going to be tough but are definitely winnable," McConkey said. "If we go out and play like I know we can, then I see us winning both of these games."

Putting wins and losses aside, Northwest holds the second-best free throw percentage in the nation, shooting 80.4 percent from the charity stripe.

Junior guard Kendey Eaton

leads the Bearcats with a 94 percent percentage on the season, making 47-of-50 free throw attempts. In addition, sophomore guard Jaelyn Haggard, senior forward Kaylani Maiava and McConkey are all shooting above 80 percent.

Results from Wednesday's matchup with Central Missouri were not available upon publication. Visit nwmissourinews.com for a recap of the game.

Spoofhounds shine with senior night win

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As the Maryville boys basketball team took to their home court Feb. 8 to battle against a strong opponent in St. Joseph-Benton, senior night brought increased intensity and adrenaline onto the court.

With the bleachers filled in preparation for the conference matchup, the Spoofhounds went into the game with a focused and set mindset that allowed them to come out with a final score of 71-46 against a stacked Benton team.

“It was senior night, so we had a big crowd, and the kids know it’s one of their last times to play here on this court,” coach Matt Stoecklein said. “So they’re going to bring their best effort and their best energy and play with such excitement and energy with the crowd that we had.”

With the support of the ‘Hound Pound, parents, friends and fellow players, the Spoofhounds never gave up their lead. This game was both statistically and physically one of the best games Maryville has



played this season.

By scoring 71 points and only allowing 46, the Spoofhounds did better than their average of both points scored and allowed this season, according to MSHSAA.

“I know where my players are going to be and they know where I’m going to be at all times,” senior guard Creid Stoecklein said. “Our goal is to make it past that quarter-final game where we made it and make it to state eventually.”

As the Spoofhounds send off important seniors such as Matthew Madden, Eli Dowis, Tyler Houchin and Creid Stoecklein, underclassmen like junior guards Tate Oglesby and Jaden Hayes have been preparing to take the reigns from such a successful group of seniors.

“It’s sad, but at the same time, it’s heartwarming to know that we’re passing on the program to a good group of juniors,” Dowis said. “It’s bittersweet.”

Although the team still has its district tournament left this season, Dowis and Houchin have left a mark on the program as they prepare to graduate and play football at Northwest.

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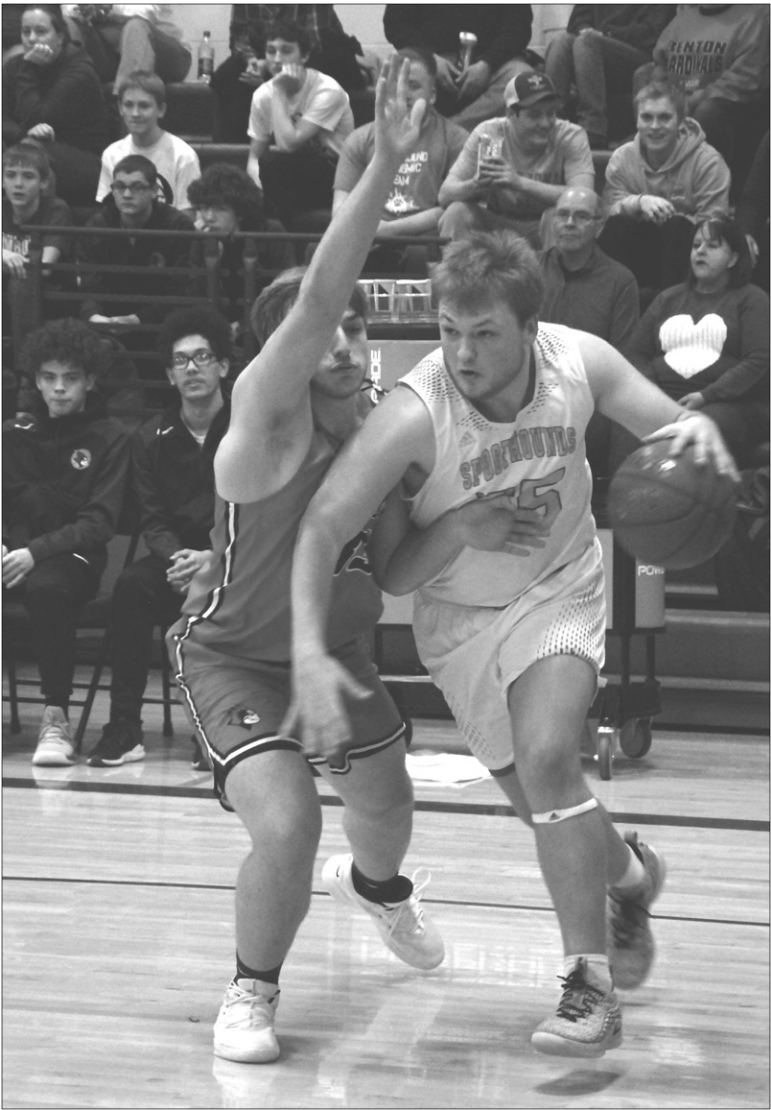
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With many players over the last few seasons signing to play their respective sports at the collegiate level, the program has seen an increase in interest from younger students.

“They’re learning to play with teammates and in different situations, so anytime that they can play multiple sports, I think college coaches like that,” Matt Stoecklein said.

With all of their starting seniors being involved in a variety of clubs and other sports, the Spoofhounds pride themselves on how balanced and prepared their seniors are.

“I think us showing people that you can play multiple sports and excel in multiple sports definitely helps with Maryville athletics,” Dowis said. “It just feels good to know that guys like me, Tyler, Matthew and Creid are leaving a mark on the Maryville athletics program.”



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Spoofhounds boys basketball senior Tyler Houchin drives the ball up court against St. Joseph-Benton on Feb. 8 at Maryville High School.

Baseball obtains mixed results

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As snowflakes continued to blanket the Northwest campus, the baseball team fought valiantly against overpowering foes in its southern tour.

The Northwest baseball team surrendered a 2-5 record during their trip to Oklahoma and Arkansas. After a 1-3 start to the season, the Bearcats only way out was to push themselves harder to claim victories over their favored opponents.

Henderson State’s tournament provided that relief, but in a way that the naked eye could not tell they were progressing. The Bearcats clawed their way to a 1-2 record against the top-tier programs in Division II and stood triumphantly over the No. 10 team in the country, Southern Arkansas, 16-13.

“You have to take the positive aspects out of the beginning of the season and run with those and learn from your mistakes so you do not continue to make them,” senior catcher Jay Hrdlicka said.



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Senior guard Emma Baldwin has helped lead the Spoofhounds to a 13-7 record this season, averaging 6.2 points per game and almost two assists per game.

Maryville looks forward to postseason

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Maryville girls basketball is seeking to finish the regular season with its last game on the road versus Savannah tonight.

The Spoofhounds have had success in the season under coach Quentin Albrecht, putting them at 13-7 entering the week. This has given the team a confidence boost with post-season play beginning Feb. 19.

Albrecht has been working hard with the girls in practice, which creates success when it comes to game



time. Not only is Albrecht helping them reach the success that they bring to the court, but the success comes from other coaches, players and even the energy from the fans.

Albrecht spoke highly of his assistant coaches as well as his players that are making big plays on the court.

“Our players have been in the system now for a few seasons and know what we expect,” Albrecht said. “I am fortunate to have very knowledgeable and hard-working assistant coaches. Our players trust both the coaching staff and their

teammates.”

Last season, the Spoofhounds finished with a 9-12 record, despite losing a tough battle in the district semifinal against Hamilton. Since last year, there were changes made to make it a more successful season this year.

With any team, there is always a leader. For the Spoofhounds, this is sophomore guard Serena Sundell, who is the team’s leading scorer for this season. Albrecht said that he has seen a big change from last season to this season among his players.

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6 p.m. Feb. 14
Savannah

“Many players have upped their game since last season, so the quality of our play has improved,” Albrecht said.

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NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

NORTHWEST.....	23-0	13-0
Washburn.....	17-5	10-3
Missouri Southern.....	19-5	10-4
Lincoln.....	16-6	9-4
Fort Hays State.....	14-8	8-5
Pittsburg State.....	14-9	7-7
Northeastern State.....	12-10	6-7
Central Missouri.....	12-10	5-8
Southwest Baptist.....	11-11	5-8
Missouri Western.....	11-13	5-8
Lindenwood.....	11-14	4-9
Emporia State.....	9-13	4-9
Central Oklahoma.....	10-12	3-10
Nebraska Kearney.....	8-14	3-10

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Fort Hays State.....	21-1	12-1
Lindenwood.....	16-4	10-3
Washburn.....	15-7	10-3
Pittsburg State.....	18-5	10-4
Emporia State.....	18-5	9-4
Central Missouri.....	16-5	9-4
Central Oklahoma.....	15-8	6-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	13-9	6-7
Missouri Western.....	11-11	6-7
Missouri Southern.....	12-12	4-10
NORTHWEST.....	7-15	3-10
Northeastern State.....	6-16	3-10
Lincoln.....	10-12	2-11
Southwest Baptist.....	6-16	2-11

NW BASEBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall

Central Oklahoma.....	5-2
Pittsburg State.....	4-2
Missouri Western.....	4-3
Washburn.....	4-3
Southwest Baptist.....	3-3
Central Missouri.....	3-4
Missouri Western.....	2-5
NORTHWEST.....	2-5
Lindenwood.....	2-6
Northeastern State.....	1-6
Emporia State.....	0-3
Fort Hays State.....	0-6

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall

Central Oklahoma.....	9-1
Missouri Western.....	4-2
Northeastern State.....	5-4
Missouri Southern.....	1-1
NORTHWEST.....	3-3
Pittsburg State.....	3-3
Fort Hays State.....	1-2
Washburn.....	2-7
Emporia State.....	1-5
Central Missouri.....	0-0
Lindenwood.....	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-4
Lincoln.....	0-6
Southwest Baptist.....	0-7

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‘Hounds send six to state, aim to improve

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Maryville wrestling is Columbia-bound with six wrestlers getting a Class 2 State Tournament bid at the District 4 tournament.

The group of wrestlers that will be heading to the state tournament includes juniors Gavin Gray-Walker and Jeff Stooksbury, sophomores Kade Wilmes, Connor Weiss and Keiren Watkins and freshman Drew Spire.

The Spoofohounds had two senior wrestlers in Treyton Paris and Jarrett Partridge, who fell just short of a state bid at districts. Coach Kody Koster had much to say about the outcome of the district meet.

“We were in a position where we felt we could send seven or eight guys down to Columbia,” Koster said. “It was unfortunate to see Treyton and Jeff fall short being there last year. I wish we could bring them back next year because we are going to miss their leadership.”

Gray-Walker walked away from the district tournament with a first-place finish. Gray-Walker, who recently transferred from Gallatin, is helping shift the culture around Maryville wrestling.

Gray-Walker was able to pull out the victory against St. Pius X’s John Liberto in the final seconds with a takedown in his district matchup. The match tallied out 3-1 in Gray-Walker’s favor. Going into the match, both wrestlers had a combined six losses on the year.

“I wasn’t able to get much offense going throughout the match,” Gray-Walker said. “The focus was for me to be more defensive and not let him score due to my lack of offense. It felt great to come out of the championship with a win, especially in a match like that.”



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As the spring season supposedly inches closer, the Northwest softball team started its season in Bentonville, Arkansas, Feb. 9.



The Bearcats (1-1) beat Midwestern State 6-3 in the first game of the season. Sophomore Kaitlyn Weis went 3-for-3 with a two-run home run against the Mustangs. Along with Weis, senior Jaedra Moses was 1-for-3 with a walk and scored three of Northwest’s six runs.

Coach Ryan Anderson explained even though his team put up six runs on the scoreboard, his players’ plate appearances left more to be desired.

“Overall, we didn’t have great at-bats,” Anderson said. “We swung at some bad pitches and couldn’t identify the strike zone, but we swung aggressively. That was the whole point going into the second game of what we wanted to do was focus on having good at-bats, find our strike zone and make the pitchers pitch to us.”

Senior Kiana Baderdeen led the Bearcats at the plate in the opening game of the season going 2-for-4 with three RBI. Baderdeen said it was good to see the offensive firepower in motion.

“It felt really good, definitely, in the first game out, knowing our team is capable of that,” Baderdeen said. “We’ve been practicing, but seeing it in action was really nice.”

In the second game of the tournament, Northwest fell to Arkansas-Monticello 2-0. The Bearcats had seven hits but couldn’t push across a run.

Sophomore Regan Thompson struck out five batters in five innings pitched. Anderson said Thompson’s performance should have been enough to get a win.

“Regan threw well, we just didn’t hit,” Anderson said. “We put the ball in play constantly, but I think we had one strikeout, maybe two, but we put the ball in play every time. We just couldn’t get it out of the infield.”

Anderson acknowledged that his team should have beat the Blossoms, citing the lack of run production behind good pitching.

With the first two games behind the Bearcats, Baderdeen said the attitude coming back from Arkansas is constructive.

“It’s a positive outlook because of the first game,” Baderdeen said. “Just improving on the things we messed up on (is the message). It is the first weekend out, so we did have nerves and newcomers.”

With impending weather loom-

Moving forward

Softball endures early inconsistencies



DYLAN COLDSMITH | FILE PHOTO

Junior pitcher Rachel Smith was a prominent part of the Northwest’s pitching staff in 2018, earning a MIAA Second Team selection and also led the team with 108 strikeouts.

ing, the Arkansas-Monticello Tournament has been canceled. Anderson said these games would’ve given his team to get live reps they can’t get here.

“It gives us live at-bats of seeing opponents, and we get out and play,” Anderson said. “We’re not going to get out here in a long time,

and our games are a chance for us to get out and play.”

While Northwest waits for a place and a team to play, practice still continues. This year, all Bearcats have the luxury of using Hughes Fieldhouse for indoor practices.

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Sophomore forward Ryan Hawkins has made a continual impact for Northwest men's basketball this season. Hawkins is shooting 54.3 percent from the field and averaging 9.6 rebounds per game.

AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Versatile 'Cats find ways to keep winning

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With roughly half a month's worth of games remaining in its conference season, Northwest men's basketball is nearing the completion of its regular season gantlet.

The No. 1 Bearcats (23-0, 13-0 MIAA) have navigated through their season unerringly, generally dismissing conference opponents with ease. More often than not, Northwest has shot the lights out en route to victory.

Every player in Northwest's lineup, anchored by senior swingman Joey Witthus and freshman guard Trevor Hudgins, is shooting at least 51 percent from the field. Four of the team's five starters (Witthus, Hudgins, sophomore Ryan Hawkins and junior Ryan Welty) are shooting at or above a 40.4 percent clip from three.

"That's really big for us," Witthus said. "I always say this, but just the different threats that we have on offense is good for us. People know when to take good shots. The unselfish play we have really pays off."

Despite the Bearcats' outlandish shooting stat lines, there have been games when their collective shot has eluded them. Northwest shot 33.8 percent against Northern State Nov. 3. The team shot 44.3 percent Jan. 9 versus Emporia State and shot just 40.7 percent from the field Feb. 9 against Lincoln.

In those three games, Northwest's worst three shooting performances of the year, the Bearcats won by a combined 40 points. Even when their shot abandons them, the

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Northwest @
Southwest Baptist
3:30 p.m. Feb. 16
Bolivar

Bearcats find ways to win.

"I think, in particular, that Lincoln game, we never turned it around in regards to hitting shots," coach Ben McCollum said of Northwest's 85-78 win over Lincoln Dec. 6. "We were still tough enough to maintain a positive attitude and have that good energy and that competitive spirit to be able to win."

McCollum said the team's mental toughness has been paramount this season in winning games in which Northwest's shot isn't falling.

"I think maybe in years past we might have gotten overwhelmed with frustration, where we're doing all the right things and it's still not going in for us," McCollum said. "Sometimes you can get frustrated with that process when you don't see the results right away. Our kids just kind of stay with the process, hoping the results will take care of themselves."

In some ways, the most impressive part of Northwest's perfect start to the season has been its ability to grind out wins despite poor shooting. In the Feb. 9 matchup with Lincoln, Northwest shot 18.5 percent from three and 40.7 percent from the field, a less-than-stellar shooting performance for the team.

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Northwest women's assistant helps shift team culture

TUCKER QUINN
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When assistant coach Addae Houston accepted a position to be a part of the Northwest women's basketball coaching staff, the familiarity of Maryville and Northwest had been instilled in him many years prior to the 2018-19 season.

Before Houston was named the head coach of the women's basketball team at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa, he graduated with a bachelor's degree from Northwest while playing two seasons with the men's basketball team.

Houston spent the 2004-06 seasons playing under the direction of Hall of Fame coach Steve

Tappmeyer and credits his defensive coaching style to the coach, himself.

"The most influential part of coaching that I learned from coach Tappmeyer was being a great defensive team," Houston said. "From day one with our team, we have emphasized the importance of defense in every single practice."

During Houston's first season with the Bearcats as a player, the team achieved a 19-11 record, with a 9-9 record in MIAA conference play. He helped lead Northwest to the MIAA tournament during the 2004-05 season, recording a game-high two assists during the opening round loss to Southwest Baptist that ended the Bearcats' season.

Houston finished his junior year averaging 25.8 points per game on 43 percent shooting and knocking

down 10 3-pointers.

As a senior, Houston played a role in a team that competed in the NCAA South Central Regionals after going 22-10 with a 10-6 record in MIAA play. The Bearcats suffered a season-ending loss to Tarleton State during regional play, though Houston led all scorers during the game with 21 points.

After basketball season, Houston didn't spend long being away from the sport, as he joined the Northwest women's coaching staff as a graduate assistant.

He began his coaching career under Gene Steinmeyer, who is second on the all-time wins list at Northwest, notching 189 wins during the 2000-12 seasons.

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ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN

Assistant coach Addae Houston left a head coaching position at Southwest Community College (Iowa) to join coach Austin Meyer with the Northwest women's program this season.

Women seek growth down home stretch

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With only six regular-season games left of the Northwest women's basketball schedule, the Bearcats look to enter the offseason on a high note.

After receiving losses on the road to conference opponents Lindenwood and Lincoln, Northwest (7-15, 3-10 MIAA) is setting its sights on the road ahead. Positivity, grit and determination are the focus to send this senior class of Bearcats onto life without basketball and play these last six games with this mindset.

"These seniors have been through quite a bit with multiple coaching changes with some hard wins and losses," coach Austin Meyer said. "They're great kids, and we want to finish strong for them."

UP NEXT

Northwest @
Southwest Baptist
1:30 p.m. Feb. 16
Bolivar

Being only two games out of the conference race to be seeded in the 2019 MIAA tournament, Northwest knows what's at stake when stepping on the floor to compete in these final games. Six games that take place in the gantlet that is MIAA basketball.

"I hope this game can get us motivated," Meyer said. "This league is so good and having the opportunity to play Fort Hays, a top-five team in the country, but for us, it's just to go in and play with confidence and know we can compete..."

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MADI GLASS | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard Kendey Eaton, a transfer from North Central Missouri College has made 94 percent of her shots from the free throw line. She averages 10.7 points per game.